



Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

Dean C. Logan
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

April 22, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
4 April 22, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK (RR/CC) TO
INCREASE THE PUBLIC MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE BY ONE DOLLAR
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 110
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT:

This letter and accompanying ordinance will implement a fee increase for a public marriage license by one dollar (\$1.00).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Approve the attached ordinance revising the Public Marriage License fee from \$90 to \$91, which will become effective thirty days from the date of Board passage in accordance with Government Code section 25123.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The ordinance amends Los Angeles County Code 2.32.100; Marriage License Fee, which authorizes the RR/CC to collect an additional dollar for the issuing of public marriage licenses as a result of the State's annual base fee adjustment.

Effective January 1, 2014, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has increased the fee for a public marriage license by one dollar (\$1.00) pursuant to AB 110, (Blumenfield, Chapter 20, Statutes of 2013). To implement this mandatory CDPH fee increase, the RR/CC will provide public notice of the fee change, update necessary forms, and revise accounting procedures to ensure the increase is accounted for accurately.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request supports the County Strategic Plan as follows:

County Goal No. 1: Operational Effectiveness: Maximize the effectiveness of the County's process, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public service.

County Goal No. 2: Fiscal Sustainability: Strengthen and enhance the County's capacity to sustain essential County services through proactive and prudent fiscal policies and stewardship.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The programmatic changes being implemented with this letter and ordinance will not result in any increased cost or revenue to the County. Approval by your Board will ensure the RR/CC collects the one dollar (\$1.00) fee increase which will be fully distributed to the State.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The fee for a public marriage license is authorized in Government Code sections 26840 through 26840.8. Additionally, Health and Safety Code Sections 100435 and 100430 authorize the adjustment of this fee and designate CDPH as the recipient of any increase associated with this annual fee adjustment.

Government Code section 66018 requires a local agency to hold a public hearing at which oral or written presentations can be made prior to adopting an ordinance which increases an existing fee. The Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Government Code section 6062(a), published an official notice of the time and place of said meeting, including a general explanation of the fee increase for a public marriage license.

This fee increase which is based on CDPH's annual fee adjustment was approved by the Legislature with the passage of AB 110 with the requisite 2/3 vote.

The accompanying ordinance implementing an amendment to Title 2, Marriage License Fees, of the County Code has been approved to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

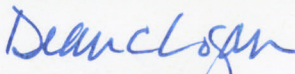
Your approval of this recommendation will ensure that the RR/CC fully collects and distributes State revenues for services provided by the RR/CC.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the Executive Officer is requested to return one (1) adopted copy of this letter to:

Department of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
Finance and Management Division
12400 Imperial Highway, Room 7211
Norwalk, CA 90650
Attention: Michael Padron, Fee Studies Section

Respectfully submitted,



DEAN C. LOGAN
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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**Re: Amendment of Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles
County Code Related to Marriage License Fee**

Dear Mr. Logan:

Enclosed is our analysis and proposed ordinance amending section 2.32.100 to Title 2, Administration of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the imposition of an increased marriage license fee.

This ordinance may be presented to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration at a public hearing.

Very truly yours,

JOHN KRATTLI
County Counsel

By


VICKI KOZIKOUJEKIAN
Principal Deputy County Counsel
Government Services Division

APPROVED AND RELEASED:


RICHARD D. WEISS
Chief Deputy

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Enclosure

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends section 2.32.100 to Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the fee for issuing marriage licenses.

Section 2.32.100 would require the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to collect an additional dollar for issuing public marriage licenses to reflect the State's annual fee adjustment to its base fee for such licenses. AB 110 (Blumenfield, Chapter 20, Statutes of 2013) authorized the State's annual fee adjustment for such licenses.

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[Requested 2/5/14]
[Revised 2/18/14]

ORDINANCE NO. _____

This ordinance amends Title 2 - Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, which relates to a fee increase for the issuing of a marriage license.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.32.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.32.100 Marriage license fee.

The registrar-recorder/county clerk shall charge a fee of ~~\$90.00~~ \$91.00 for issuing a marriage license, and a fee of \$30.00 for issuing a duplicate marriage license, and shall charge a fee of \$85.00 for issuing a confidential marriage license, and a fee of \$30.00 for issuing a duplicate confidential marriage license.

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